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The legal procedure for sterilization is instituted by filing a petition with the Eugenics Board.

A. Persons responsible for filing petitions.

1. The executive head of the respective institution is responsible for filing the petition for individuals in State hospitals for the mentally ill and schools for the mentally retarded.
2. The superintendent of public welfare is responsible for filing petitions for:
 - a. Individuals who are not in institutions.
 - b. Individuals who are in State and County institutions exclusive of A-1 above.

B. Information required for filing petitions.

1. Refer to section USE OF FORMS in the preparation of Form No. 1, Petition for the Operation of Sterilization or Asexualization.
2. Social information: Form No. 7 - Supplement to Form No. 1, Petition for Sterilization - Social Information, should be used as a guide in giving an explanation as to why sterilization seems to be indicated. Illustrations should be used when necessary to clarify how the individual functions. If the above outline does not cover the pertinent case information, it should be supplemented with a letter.